## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TANAKA, Hisakazu et al.

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Serial No.: 10/088,107

Examiner: Tatyana Zalukaeva

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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 10, 2003

Sir:

For:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003 for two months from October 15, 2003, to December 15, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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